



DOCUMENTED VESSEL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Please carefully read the information below.

Section 306.016 of the Missouri Revised Statutes requires the owner of any vessel documented by the United States Coast Guard to apply for a documented vessel certificate of registration and pay a registration fee based on the length of the vessel and an “in-lieu” watercraft tax.

NOTE: To avoid penalties, you must apply for a documented vessel certificate of registration within 30 days of purchasing the vessel.

To comply with the law, you must submit the following to the Driver and Vehicle Services Bureau:

1. A properly completed and signed Application for Documented Vessel Certificate of Registration (DOR-4398);
2. A copy of the Certificate of Documentation issued by the United States (U.S.) Coast Guard;
3. Proof of ownership as follows:
 - If new or previously titled: the Manufacturer’s Statement of Origin (MSO) or the original title. (NOTE: If the MSO or title was surrendered to the U.S. Coast Guard, a statement outlining this fact and a bill of sale must be submitted.); **OR**
 - If previously documented with the U.S. Coast Guard: a certified copy of the “ABSTRACT OF TITLE” in the new owner’s name; **AND** the Missouri documented vessel certificate of registration properly assigned by the seller to the new owner, if applicable.
4. A \$7.50 certification fee and a \$2.50 processing fee;
5. A registration and processing fee based on the length of the vessel:

Length of Vessel

Under 16 feet
16 feet but less than 26 feet
26 feet but less than 40 feet
40 feet and over

Registration Fee

\$10.00
\$20.00
\$30.00
\$40.00

Processing Fee

\$3.50
\$3.50
\$3.50
\$3.50

6. The “In-lieu” watercraft tax based on the purchase price of the vessel or proof that applicable taxes have been paid (trade-in credit is NOT allowed); and

Purchase Price

Tax Due

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| \$15,000 or less | \$500.00 |
| \$15,001 to \$30,000..... | \$650.00 |
| \$30,001 to \$50,000..... | \$1,000.00 |
| \$50,001 to \$100,000..... | \$1,400.00 |
| \$100,001 to \$150,000..... | \$2,000.00 |
| \$150,001 to \$200,000..... | \$3,000.00 |
| \$200,001 to \$250,000..... | \$4,000.00 |
| \$250,001 to \$300,000..... | \$5,000.00 |

Purchase Price

Tax Due

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| \$300,001 to \$350,000..... | \$5,500.00 |
| \$350,001 to \$400,000..... | \$6,000.00 |
| \$400,001 to \$450,000..... | \$6,500.00 |
| \$450,001 to \$500,000..... | \$7,500.00 |
| \$500,001 to \$550,000..... | \$8,500.00 |
| \$550,001 to \$650,000..... | \$9,500.00 |
| \$650,001 to \$750,000..... | \$10,500.00 |
| \$750,001 and above..... | Add an additional \$1,500.00 for each \$100,000 increment in the purchase price. |

7. A penalty fee, if applicable - \$10.00 for each 30 day period beyond the registration due date up to a maximum of \$30.00.

Note: The Missouri Department of Revenue may electronically resubmit checks returned for insufficient or uncollected funds.

Upon receipt of the documents and fees, the Driver and Vehicle Services Bureau will issue the following:

- A documented vessel certificate of registration;
- A validated application receipt; and
- A set of registration decals.

Listed below are important facts to remember about documented vessels:

- ✓ The state of Missouri cannot issue a certificate of title to a documented vessel.
- ✓ You must display one decal in a clearly visible location on each side of the forward half of the vessel.
- ✓ You must renew your documented vessel every three years.

TEMPORARY VESSEL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

You may purchase a Temporary Vessel Certificate of Registration from a dealer or the Department of Revenue Central Branch office. A Temporary Vessel Certificate of Registration authorizes the operation of a vessel documented by the United States Coast Guard by a buyer for not more than 60 days from the date of issuance. The Temporary Vessel Certificate of Registration is not transferable or renewable. The fee for a Temporary Vessel Certificate of Registration is \$5.00 plus a \$3.50 processing fee.

If you have any questions, please call (573) 751-4509 ,write to the Driver and Vehicle Services Bureau, Special Title/Registration Group, at PO BOX 100, JEFFERSON CITY MO 65105-0100, or visit our web site at **www.dor.mo.gov/mvdl**.